

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance.

In the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("the Board") mailed on July 26, 2005, the Board, sustained the final rejections of claims 1-3 and 5-8, but reversed the rejection of claims 4, 9, 10 and 53-63.

Rejected claim 1 has been canceled. Each of dependent claims 4, 9, 10 and 53-57 (which included allowable subject matter but depended from rejected claim 1) has been rewritten in independent form to include the elements of canceled claim 1.

Each of rejected claims 2, 3 and 5-8 has been amended to depend from claim 53. Consequently, these claims are now allowable by virtue of their new dependence.

New claims

New claims 64-69 correspond to claims 2, 3 and 5-8, respectively, but depend from claim 54. These claims are allowable by virtue of their dependence from claim 54.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the

applicant requests that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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